

Minutes of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board meeting 23 June 1997 at 172 Skye Road, Frankston

PRESENT: A.R. Gourley (Chair), Lois Wishart, Greg Wishart and David Griffiths

APOLOGY: Richard Greaves.

1. Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 19 May 1997 and be signed by the Chairman.

M: Lois Wishart

S: David Griffiths

CARRIED

The Chairman reported that 51 copies of SEC News had been printed for a cost of \$12.

It was noted that the Chairman had personally paid for this photocopying and was not seeking reimbursement.

Membership Brochure

The Secretary noted that he would commence the membership brochure within a week and circulate to directors for comment and distribution with the SEC News before the next board meeting.

Fundraising

It was noted that Richard Greaves was to report on additional technical information provided by Greg Wishart.

Audit

Greg Wishart reported that he had had discussions with an auditor who might be able to undertake the co-operative's audit at a reduced price.

It was noted that changing auditors could not occur until the current bill was paid.

It was agreed that the next meeting would consider the question of the co-operative's auditor.

New Member

2. That a share be allotted to:

Brian Noble One Share No 74

M: Greg Wishart

S: Lois Wishart

CARRIED

VCOSS

The Secretary reported that the VCOSS and the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd were jointly organising a workshop for community service agencies between **10.00am - 12.30pm on 31 July 1997, Waratah Room, St. Michael's Church, BHP Building, Little Collins Street.**

He requested that all directors attend the workshop.

Rural Conference

The Secretary reported that the Centre for Rural Communities Inc, Co-operative Energy Ltd and the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd were planning a conference, Building Rural Futures Through Co-operation. This would include assisting communities to identify opportunities for co-operative action in utilities.

Customer Care Consultative Committee

The Secretary reported that United Energy was establishing a Customer Care Consultative Committee and that he was nominating himself as a director of Co-operative Energy Ltd, the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd and Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd. He had discussed the nomination with A.R.Gourley and Richard Greaves at a meeting on 16 June 1997. It was noted that the expressions of interest had closed on 20 June 1997.

Solar Power

It was agreed that directors would write as individuals to United Energy seeking information on the utility's interest in providing a green/clean power option for consumers.

NEXT MEETING: 21 July 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

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